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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES WALDEN WATER SYSTEM FUNDING IN FINAL INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced that he has secured \$800,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Town of Walden's water treatment system in the final version of the 2006 Interior Appropriations bill, which was approved by the Senate on Friday. The House of Representatives approved the legislation Thursday night; the bill will now go to the White House for the President's signature.

"More than a year's hard work has finally paid off, and this long-awaited funding for Walden is now a reality," said Senator Allard. "I am pleased that we found a way for Walden to make the necessary upgrades to comply with new water quality regulations without passing on prohibitive costs to its residents."

"As a member of the conference committee that worked to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Interior Appropriations bill, I was in a position to ensure that this funding for Walden stayed in the final version of the legislation," added Senator Allard.

Walden's current treatment plant and filtration module was built in 1980. The plant's current processes are insufficient to filter and treat newly regulated agents such as cryptosporidium. Replacement parts and equipment are becoming scarce because of the age of the system, and the plant is also in need of providing safety redundancy.

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